

PATENT
671509 2045.1**REMARKS**

Claims 38-47 and 50-54 are currently pending. Claims 38 and 45-47 have been amended, and claims 1-37 and 48-49 have been cancelled, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

No new matter is added.

It is submitted that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. The amendments to the claims and the remarks herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claims 1-36 and 38-39 have been cancelled, without prejudice, because they were drawn to non-elected subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a subsequent application.

Claims 38 and 45-47 have been amended to remove references to cancelled claims. Support for the amended claim recitations is found throughout the specification and the claims, specifically in claims 1 and 36.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the telephonic and electronic discussion of the Restriction Requirement with Examiner Hendricks, for which the Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended therein, Applicants elect the claims of Group III, without traverse.

CONCLUSION

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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